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KIRT E. WHITESIDE

Serial No. 09/780,603

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For MECHANIC'S CREEPER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

As a preliminary amendment in the attached Request for Continued Examination of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/780,603, the Applicant, through his attorney, amends the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Substitute the following claims:

- 1 1. A creeper comprising opposed side rails having a planar bottom surface;
2 a pad supported between said side rails; and a plurality of caster
3 assemblies rotatable on a vertical axis relative to said side rails and
4 supporting said side rails; each of said plurality of caster assemblies
5 attached to said planar bottom surface and fully positioned under and
6 within the profile of said side rails, and including a wheel having a wheel
7 body with a radial surface wherein the width of the contact between said
8 radial surface and a work surface upon which the creeper is placed is
9 from about 50 to about 75 percent of the maximum width of said wheel
10 body.

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